

HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE

BRAC BIT: #42

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SUBJECT(S): BRAC Business Initiative, Task Force Update, Regional Update

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DISCUSSION:

1. **BRAC Business Initiative (BBI) Update:** BBI is focused on identifying and documenting the environment that small and minority businesses must traverse during the attainment of a contract with a Fort Meade DOD Organization and/or supporting contractor. The follow actions are ongoing:
 - a. Identify initial staff responsibilities (completed 27 May)
 - I. BBI Lead: Kent Menser (BRAC Executive Director)
 - II. BBI Resource and Research Lead: Larry Collins (HC EDA)
 - III. BBI Advisory Company Lead: Patty Keeton (HCC)
 - IV. BBI Test Company Lead: Jeryl Baker (HC WFO)
 - b. Identify, interview and select additional adjunct staff (complete by 12 June)
 - c. Conduct interviews with each test company (complete by 22 June)
 - d. Conduct introductory meeting with all BBI participating companies; test, advisory and partners on 24 June in AM. More information to follow.
2. **BBI Participation:** If you have an interest in BBI, contact Kent through email. The following are participatory vehicles available to you and/or your company:
 - a. Test Company: In August we will open the current test group to additional companies. Watch BRAC BITS for more information.
 - b. BBI Partners: This is for companies that want to directly monitor BBI progress.
 - c. Advisory Companies: Companies that are successfully doing business with Fort Meade and want to share their experiences
 - d. Staff Volunteers: Individuals who have both experience and available time to fill a role in this project. I have list of volunteers who will be contacted next week and I am looking for more.
3. **Job Fairs, Relocation Fairs and County Fairs:**
 - a. Meade Alliance/DISA Relocation Fair-10 June 09: We conducted a raffle last week for 7 tables at this fair. We had 10 companies apply and I believe all will participate at some level. The window for this event is closed.
 - b. Ann Arundel County Workforce Development Corporation Job Update, 3 June 09, 7- 8:30 PM: This event will be held at Meade High School on 1100 Clark Road, Fort Meade, MD. Register in advance and send any questions by email to events@aawdc.org This is not a job fair!